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H.R. No. 26

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With the passing of John Carl Heft of Richardson on
2 November 18, 2005, at the age of 75, a full and generous life came to
3 an end; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Lancaster, Ohio, Mr. Heft was born to
5 Merrill W. Heft and Mary E. Stoye on March 11, 1930; he was a
6 longtime citizen of the Lone Star State and a proud alumnus of Texas
7 A&M University, where he earned a degree in mathematics; following
8 his graduation with the Class of 1953, he served his country with
9 distinction as a member of the United States armed forces; and

10 WHEREAS, John Heft enjoyed a notable 33-year career with
11 Texas Instruments, Incorporated; during his tenure with that firm,
12 he was employed at both the Richardson, Texas, and Attleboro,
13 Maine, facilities; and

14 WHEREAS, In retirement, this kind-hearted gentleman devoted
15 his time and talents to a number of worthy endeavors in his
16 community; a firm believer in education, Mr. Heft took particular
17 satisfaction in tutoring children, helping them to build a strong
18 foundation for the future; he also assisted Chinese-speaking
19 students enrolled in English-as-a-second-language classes and
20 worked with a job-support ministry; and

21 WHEREAS, A man of deep convictions who quietly manifested his
22 faith through the manner in which he lived his life, Mr. Heft was a
23 respected congregant of the Waterview Church of Christ and an elder
24 for 18 years in that congregation; and

1 WHEREAS, John Heft was a Chicago Cubs fan of unwavering
2 enthusiasm over the course of many decades; in addition to playing
3 and coaching both baseball and basketball in his younger years, he
4 continued to attend sporting events in retirement and also enjoyed
5 travel--especially to Lithuania to visit his son and his family;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, John Heft made a significant difference in the lives
8 of many people through his encouragement and mentoring, and he will
9 long be fondly remembered by those fortunate enough to have shared
10 in the richness of his life; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
12 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
13 John Carl Heft and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
14 family: to his devoted wife, Jessica Heft; to his daughter, Ann
15 Dean, and her husband, Ken; to his son, Scott Heft, and his wife,
16 Virginija; to his grandchildren, Melissa Dean, Adam Dean, Aaron
17 John Heft, and Mykolas Henry Heft; to his sister-in-law, Joan Heft;
18 to his brothers-in-law, John Waggoner and Bill Waggoner; and to all
19 his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John Carl
23 Heft.